South Tyneside Council

Reference:	250185
Location:	8 Rectory Green West Boldon NE36 0QD
Ward:	Boldon Colliery
Description:	Application for Tree Works: Works to Trees Subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO 23). T1 - Sycamore - Prune to remove limb overhanging neighbours drive back to growth point shown in attached photo. Prune to laterally reduce up to 4m on road side. T2 - - Holly - reduce overhanging into garden and tidy shape on garden facing aspect - effectively a light trim up to 1m but this is an established mature tree, not a shrub.
Recommendation:	Grant Permission with Conditions
Case Officer:	Adam Williamson
Case Officer Contact No.:	0191 4247434 or 07741120747

Summary of Consultation Responses

Tree Team- No objections

Relevant planning policy

The following policies are relevant to this application:
LDF Policy DM1
NPPF Part 15

Assessment

Trees and landscaped features make a significant contribution to the character and appearance of the urban area and to nature conservation. Trees in parks and public open spaces, in private gardens and grounds and on streets and highways are all significant in this respect. Many of the important groups of trees are protected by tree preservation orders (TPOs).

LDF Policy DM1 seeks to protect existing soft landscaping, including trees and hedges, where possible or provides replacement planting where necessary.

The trees are protected under Tree Preservation Order TPO 23 (1981) Glebe Farm/ Rectory Green, West Boldon.

It is proposed to:

T1 – Sycamore. Prune to remove limb overhanging neighbours drive back to growth point shown in attached photo. Prune to laterally reduce up to 4m on road side.

T2 – Holly. Reduce overhanging into garden and tidy shape on garden facing aspect.

It is therefore considered that the main issues in this instance relate to whether there is sufficient justification for the proposed works to the protected trees. Having regard for the Tree Team's comments, in this case, subject to conditions, there are no objections to the proposals and the works are deemed acceptable in the interests of good arboricultural practice. As a result, the scheme would accord with objectives outlined in relevant planning policies and guidance.

Recommendation

Grant Permission with Conditions

Conditions

1 The tree work to which this consent relates must be completed in full, no later than 2 years from the date of this consent and may not be carried out more than once, unless authorised by a further grant of consent.

Reason: In order that the works remain appropriate and suited to the present form and condition of the trees concerned, in accordance with LDF Policy DM1 and the NPPF.

2 The tree works are to be compliant with British Standard: 3998 [2010] (tree work - recommendations).

Reason: In order to maintain the health and visual amenity of the trees affected, in accordance LDF Policy DM1 and the NPPF.

List of plans etc. for standard note on decision

Plan Reference
Application forms received 13/03/2025
Tree photograph received 13/03/2025
Tree location plan received 13/03/2025

Case officer: Adam Williamson
Date: 29th April 2025

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Date: 29/04/2025